

Help to the fans of Yesterday.
Who, when the battle flag unfurled,
Gave all that the boys might better play
The Game whose stakes were a fairer world.

A.E.F. CHAMPIONSHIP RULES OUTLINED BY G.H.Q.

Help to the fans of Yesterday!
And now that the last day is in,
May they, with the players who pass their way
Rejoice in the fruits they helped to win.

RULES GOVERNING A.E.F. ATHLETICS

New Army Order Tells How Championships Are to Be Conducted

BOXING WEIGHTS STATED

New Pugilistic Champion Will Be Developed in Each of the Six Classes

Rules under which the A.E.F. athletic championships are to be conducted are made public in a new general order from G.H.Q.

All team events will be conducted in such manner as to determine five teams for the semi-finals and finals, one team each from the First, Second and Third armies, and two teams from the S.O.S., which includes the District of Paris.

All officers and men who are bona fide members of the unit they represent are eligible to participate in all team events, tennis and track and field sports, Y.M.C.A. and K. of C. secretaries and athletic instructors are barred from competition, but enlisted men of the A.E.F., placed on temporary duty as athletic instructors to assist Y.M.C.A. and K. of C. athletic instructors are eligible to compete.

Championship Football
Owing to the impossibility of securing sufficient football material to equip an average of ten teams a division, or similar sized unit, it has been found necessary to make the basis of the A.E.F. championships in this sport one team from each of the following units: Army Corps, Corps Troops, Divisions, Base Sections of the S.O.S., Intermediate Sections of the S.O.S., Paris District of the S.O.S., and Advance Sections of the S.O.S.

Elimination schedules will be conducted under the supervision of Army, Corps and S.O.S. athletic officers to determine the champion team for each Army and the two best teams in the S.O.S. These elimination contests must be concluded by February 28 in order that the A.E.F. finals may be played off in March.

Boxing and Wrestling
Contests for the boxing championships of the A.E.F. will be staged in the following classes: Feather weight, 125 pounds and under; light weight, 135 pounds and under; welter weight, 145 pounds and under; middle weight, 160 pounds and under; light-heavy weight, 175 pounds and under; and heavy weight, over 175 pounds.

All bouts will consist of three three-minute rounds, one minute intermission, except finals and semi-finals, in Division, Corps, Army and S.O.S. tournaments. These will consist of five three-minute rounds, with one-minute intermissions. In all other matters concerning actual conduct of bouts, the A.A.U. rules will govern.

Wrestling contests will be staged at each of the six weights specified for boxing, and A.A.U. rules will govern. In boxing and wrestling the contests will be so conducted as to determine winners at all specified weights in Army troops, Corps troops, Divisions, and similar sized units in the S.O.S. Tournaments in both boxing and wrestling will be conducted the same as in football, and must be concluded by the last day of March. Instructions will be issued later in regard to the place and date for the finals.

Track and Field Games
In track and field games the meets will be conducted so as to determine the winners in each of the specified events in Army troops, Corps troops, Divisions, and similar sized units of the S.O.S. These winners will be eligible for the final A.E.F. championships, the date and place for which will be announced later.

In order to encourage the participation of the greatest number of players in basketball, divisional tournaments embracing teams from Infantry, Artillery and Engineer regiments, machine gun battalions and other similar divisional units will be held as similar tournaments among Army troops, Corps troops and units in the S.O.S.

Upon the completion of each tournament, division and other similar unit basketball teams will be selected, and Corps, Army and S.O.S. elimination contests held, as in football. All these contests must be concluded by the last day of March in order that the A.E.F. finals may be played off early in April.

Information regarding basketball and tennis will be published later.

All Point Company Championships
All Point Company Championships will be decided by means of a pentathlon, embracing five events, 100-yard dash, 880-yard run, standing broad jump, shell put and pull up. These events were selected because they require the minimum of equipment and can be engaged in by all. The rules to govern the All Point Company Championships will be announced in another bulletin, but they will be uniform, and an effort will be made to have the events held upon terrain as uniform as possible.

Each company of 250 men will be required to put 80 per cent of its strength in this competition. After the men have all run 100 and 880 yards respectively, their average time will be taken, and this will be counted as the company time. The same rule will apply to the standing broad jump and the shell put, the average distance of the company being taken as the final score. In the pull up the average number of times the entire company pulls up will be taken as the company score. Regular army shoes and other equipment will probably be used. An official date will be set when all companies must have competed.

Knock-down rings will be furnished by the Army for the boxing contests. One hundred and fifty new hangars, 150 by 75 feet, have been obtained by the Army and will be distributed to the various units, one to a battalion, to be used for boxing, wrestling, volley and basketball. These will be electric lighted and heated.

Prices to Be Handsome

All prizes will be emblematic of service in the A.E.F., and will be of particularly intrinsic value. They will be of unusually artistic design by famous French artists.

They will be awarded as follows:
Baseball and Basketball: Individual prizes to all members of the teams winning first place in all divisional, or similar unit, contests, and to members of the two teams contesting in the final A.E.F. Championship.

Football: Individual prizes to members of the teams winning the three Army Championships and the two teams

NEW ENGLAND SKATER WILL MEET ALL COMERS

An ice skating tournament for the speed and fancy ice skating championship of the Allied Armies, at Chamonix, Department of Haute Savoie, is suggested by Private Jack Ruping, of the Headquarters Company, Second Corps, A.E.F., in a letter to the Sporting Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES.

Ruping is New England two mile amateur champion; holds the world's record for the 440-yard tandem, and has equaled the world's record for 440 yards. He challenges any man in the world for a series of eight races, best five out of eight, over the ice at Chamonix, distance two miles. The New England champion is particularly anxious to meet A. Mathiesen, the Norwegian speed marvel, who holds all world's records from 500 to 10,000 meters; Robert McLean, Morris Wood and E. Lamy, also record holders. Col. Walt C. Johnson, chief

athletic officer of the A.E.F., when interrogated as to the possibility of staging an A.E.F. or Allied ice skating tournament this winter, promised to look into the matter.

Chamonix, in the Department of Haute Savoie, and Pau, in the Department of Basses Pyrenees, are easily accessible to members of the A.E.F., owing to their proximity to established leave centers. Aix-les-Bains is another place where a tournament could be held.

Chamonix and Pau are second only to St. Moritz in Switzerland for winter sports, ice skating, skiing, coasting and tobogganing.

Speed and fancy ice skaters in the A.E.F. who are anxious to enter a tournament should write to the Sporting Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES without delay, giving full information as to past performances.

YANKS DON MITTS ACROSS THE RHINE

Boxing Makes Its Official Bow in Fest Halle at Coblentz

When two medium-sized privates, stripped to the waist, and in their stocking feet, slipped through the ropes of the big ring in the center of the lovely Fest Halle at Coblentz Saturday night, the famous American sport of boxing made its official bow in the Army of Occupation.

Hereafter, every Saturday night will see a good program of fistie talent in the former German theater under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. In addition, the Knights of Columbus are combining the bridgehead in an effort to find the best glove makers in the Third Army in the hope of ultimately producing champions in the various classes able to hold their own in bouts with title holders in other American Armies. This promises to be a great pugilistic winter in Coblentz and vicinity.

Four bouts were put on, all of them, under Y rulings being termed draws, but the battles tomorrow will be to a decision.

M.P. Punches Referee
The first combat was between Privates McGreer and Schumacher, both of the Third Army Military Police. The boys weighed in at 125 pounds and were very evenly matched. There was only one feature. That was when Private Schumacher, in making a wild swing at the head of his opponent, nearly decapitated the referee, Lieutenant Badham, of the 91st Aviation Corps. Lieutenant Badham, he it said, stuck right to his job. A little like a left hook to the head could not interfere with the task of keeping both boys in the ring and out of the clinches.

Private Turner of the 37th Engineers, 145 pounds, went on with Private Albert Murray of the 32nd Field Hospital. The last match was between "Red" Robertson, 140 pounds, and "Kid" Marlow, 135 pounds, both of Third Army Headquarters. Marlow kept running into clinches and let Robertson do most of the punching.

36TH DIVISION WINS CORPS GRIDIRON HONORS

While other members of the A.E.F. were eating their Christmas and New Year's dinners, the football team of the 36th Division was making a meal out of the 78th and 80th Division eleven.

On the afternoon of Christmas Day it soundly trounced the 78th Division, 30 to 0. On New Year's Day it defeated the 90th Division, 20 to 0, thereby winning the championship of the First Army Corps.

Now it is looking for further honors and Capt. W. Whitney is willing to take on the whole A.E.F., eleven men at a time. Address him, 142nd Inf., A.P.O. 796.

ST. NAZAIRE TRIUMPHS OVER BORDEAUX ELEVEN

St. Nazaire and Bordeaux locked horns upon the gridiron Christmas Day, St. Nazaire winning hands down by a score of 17 to 0. The contest was staged at St. Pierre des Corps, near Tours, and attracted a crowd of several thousand.

Eddie Mahan, captain of the team, and former Harvard football star, kicked a goal from the field from the 30-yard line. Sergeant Brown, assisted by a line interference, carried the ball over for two touchdowns.

Maj. D. S. Adams, manager of St. Nazaire, claims the championship of the S.O.S.

WITH THE PUGS

A national movement has been started in the United States to establish a one-man commission to govern amateur and professional boxing in all States where the sport is legalized. Congressmen representing States where fights are permitted will be asked to further the movement.

Sergeant A. Gray, feather weight champion of the 77th Division, has participated in 13 bouts since he landed in France and has yet to taste defeat, so his manager, Sergeant Merle Whitney, Section 10, Co. B, 163rd Inf., desires to match him with any good feather weight in the A.E.F. who is looking for a bout.

Boxers in the A.E.F. weighing in at 150 to 155 pounds ragside and especially William Gill of the 19th Machine Gun Battalion, and Eddie Ramsey, of the 103rd Military Police, can arrange a bout by getting in touch with Private Willie Scott, Co. M, 51st Inf., A.P.O. 777.

Bobby Reynolds, Co. E, 136th Machine Gun Battalion, with a long list of victories to his credit, including that scored over Jack Dunleavy, light weight champion of Australia, wants bouts with the best scrappers in the A.E.F. weighing 135 to 145 pounds. Anyone wanting to accommodate Bobby can write him at A.P.O. 762.

representing the S.O.S. in the A.E.F. finals, and to members of the two teams contesting in the final A.E.F. Championships.

Boxing and Wrestling: Individual prizes to winners of first place, in each class, in all divisional, or similar unit, contests, and to the two contestants competing in the finals for the A.E.F. Championships, in each class.

Track and Field Events: Individual prizes to winners of first place in each event in divisional, or similar unit, contests, and to the winners of first, second and third places in the final A.E.F. Championships meet.

Y.M.C.A. DIRECTORS HOLD CONFERENCE

Discuss Means of Aiding New Sport Program of the A.E.F.

Ninety regional and divisional athletic directors of the Y.M.C.A. were present at a conference at Tremblay on Friday and Saturday of last week when the Army order authorizing sports championships in the A.E.F. was discussed and addresses were made by Col. Walt C. Johnson, chief Athletic Officer of the A.E.F.; Col. T. J. Johnson, Lieut. Col. H. M. Nelly, Adjutant, First Army Corps; President King of Oberlin; E. C. Carter, chief secretary, A.E.F. Y.M.C.A.; O. P. Gardner, Director of Divisional Activities, Y.M.C.A.; W. H. Ball, of the Personnel Bureau, War Work Council, N.Y., and Elwood Brown, Director of the Department of Athletics, Y.M.C.A.

A letter was read from General Pershing in which he laid strong emphasis on the opportunity now before the Association's athletic department, in view of the Army's decision to adopt athletics on a huge scale.

Elwood Brown, Director of the Department of Athletics of the Association, stated that the Y.M.C.A. had on hand 20,000 soccer footballs, 200 cage balls, and a wealth of other athletic equipment ordered last year but held up on the docks in New York owing to lack of shipping. This, he said, would immediately be available for members of the A.E.F.

The slogan of the conference was, now that the real fighting has ended, to keep the men "Fit to Go Home."

WRESTLING NOTES

Private Frank Smith, of the 104th Infantry, gassed and wounded at Toul, returned to his home in South Boston. He asks us to convey his best wishes for the New Year to his friends overseas.

Patsy McCarthy, an Irish lad with Headquarters Troop, 76th Division, is proving his class as a matman, meeting all comers in his division and holding his own.

A benefit for the widow and kiddies of the late Matty Baldwin, held recently in the Arena in Boston, proved one of the greatest things of its kind since the benefit for John L. Sullivan. Over 7,000 attended and something like \$10,000 was realized for Mrs. Baldwin.

Private Mark F. Fenn, champion light weight of Florida, is willing to meet anyone in a wrestling bout at the weight of 150 pounds or under. The necessary arrangements can be made by addressing Fenn's manager and trainer, Private Arthur J. Smith, Prov. Supply Co., Sixth Army Corps, A.E.F., A.P.O. 783.

Sergeant George Roumas, welter weight wrestler, with a string of six victories to his credit, is ready to meet any man at his weight. Johnny Mack, taking the mat at 155 pounds, is also looking for bouts. Matches can be arranged with these men by writing Capt. C. Johnson, athletic director, A.E.F. Forwarding Camp, Le Mans.

TED MEREDITH SAYS FAREWELL TO FRANCE

Ted Meredith, captain in the Aviation Service and famous middle distance runner, sailed this week on the steamer Princess Matoika which left St. Nazaire loaded to the rails with homeward bound Yanks.

Meredith is one of the fastest middle distance runners to ever don a running suit. He is holder of the world's record for 800 meters, established in 1912, and the world's amateur record for the yard run (one turn) and the 880, made in 1916.

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35TH DIVISION HAS FIGHTING CHAPLAIN

Chaplain Earl A. Blackman, 130th Field Artillery, 35th Division, challenges any person in the A.E.F. of 100 pounds weight or over to a boxing match, and will meet anyone who accepts this challenge upon three weeks' notice, details to be arranged later.

American chaplains interested should communicate with Capt. Victor J. Wagoner, 130th Field Artillery, A.E.F.

NEVERS BOUTS DRAW BIG HOLIDAY CROWD

More Than Three Thou- sand Franks Realized for War Orphans

Two wrestling matches and seven boxing bouts were features of a big indoor sports carnival staged by members of the A.E.F. at Nevers New Year's Eve under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. The entire proceeds, over 3,000 francs, were donated to the fund for the relief of French war orphans.

Units participating were the 19th, 39th, 49th, 59th and 81st Engineers; 53rd P.W.E., and the Motor Repair Shops at Nevers.

Keyser (145 pounds), 19th Engineers, won his wrestling match with Wilkes (150 pounds), of the same regiment, Parks (140 pounds), of the 81st Engineers and Lewis (133 pounds), a casual, wrestled to a draw.

Colored Boys Furnish Comedy
The boxing bouts, which were limited to four rounds, furnished some good sport and roused the large crowd to enthusiasm. An unexpected feature was the bout between two dusky guards at the Prisoners of War Enclosure, Lewis and Harvey by name. The lads fought at 165 pounds and while both proved willing enough, neither exhibited much knowledge of the fist game. As a result the match proved a scream from start to finish, Lewis being awarded the decision.

Montgomery, 59th Engineers, defeated Harrison, 19th Engineers, fighting at 125 pounds; Conway, 49th Engineers, won the decision over Pina, Motor Repair Shops, in a 120 pound bout; Rossett, Motor Repair Shops, beat Sheldon, 39th Engineers, battling at 112 pounds, and Peterson, Motor Repair Shops, defeated Meyrick, 49th Engineers, the lads weighing in at 118 pounds.

In the semi-final, Hofferick, Motor Repair Shops, outpointed Kerrigan, 19th Engineers. Although these men tipped the scales at 165 pounds both proved exceptionally fast.

The final bout, at 128 pounds, between Detling, Motor Repair Shops, and Weisberg, 19th Engineers, resulted in a draw.

53RD DIVISION HAS SOME GOOD BOXERS

Fight fans who attended the K. of C. show in Paris last week realize that the 53rd Division musters some excellent scrapping material in its organization, for its representatives played a big part in the victory the Yank boxers won over the French. Seven battles were staged. The French won two, and one bout ended in a draw.

A packed house watched the scrapping and yelled approval of the Yanks' showing, and especially of the 53rd Division boys. Bob Martin, of the 53rd, a youth of 21 with a punch, was the headliner.

He stopped Eugene Stuber, a French heavyweight, with a right swing to the jaw, and it was a case of "dreams" for Stuber, who thought a mule had kicked him. Stuber was in the calcium for exactly ten seconds. Then all was dark. For Martin uncorked his right and Stuber hit the matting, to be counted out by Referee Carey.

Billy Kleck, another 53rd Division boy, outpointed Gavroc, one of France's best feather weights, after four rounds of intensive boxing. As per custom, the Frenchman was in the best condition, but Kleck's aggressiveness won him the decision. Young Kleck will bear watching in the fight game.

Jack Duarte, 53rd Division, who resembles a cave man, outfought Lorenzetti, of France. Grit and an ability to stand punishment won for him.

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Following Conference With Col. Walt C. Johnson K. of C. Promises Assistance

Following a conference with Col. Walt C. Johnson, chief athletic officer of the A.E.F., the Knights of Columbus are preparing to back up the Army authorities in every way possible in order to make the A.E.F. athletic championships a success.

The athletic department, of which J. J. Carey, the famous boxing referee, is chairman, has always endeavored to foster the fight game because of its close relation to bayonet fighting. For this reason the order has an exceptionally good list of boxing instructors on hand at the present time ready to assist the Army authorities.

A few of these men are Billy Roche, Alex A. McLean, Danny Dunn, Sam Fitzpatrick, William M. Varley, Jimmy Twoford, "Ble" Mackey, Edward Conway, James Stanley, "Bill" Cameron, and Jake Carey himself. They have followed the fist game for years and know it from every angle.

35TH DIVISION PUGS AT PALAIS DE GLACE

Boxers of the 35th Division, headed by "Bud" Clancy, former boxing instructor of St. Louis, Mo., will feature the program Tuesday night at the Palais de Glace, Paris, under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A.

Clancy will bring the following men: Jack McCarthy, 126 pounds; Billy Moore, 128 pounds; Eddie Spier, 135; Tony Lapinine, 142; Harry Webb, 148; and Clancy himself at 158.

BASKET BALL AT ST. AMAND

Troops stationed at St. Amand are anxious to meet basket ball teams in the A.E.F., the games to be played at St. Amand. Address Chaplain Wacker, A.P.O. 773.

SHEA TO RE-ENTER SPORTS

Frank Shea, quarter-mile champion of the University of Pittsburgh, has been discharged from the Naval Aviation Service and will re-enter track sports.

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